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FOR AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG FROM THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:CSCE, OCON

SUBJECT: CSCE BELGRADE

1. GIVEN THE OBSTACLES YOU HAD ALREADY OVERCOME, I IMAGINE THAT THE LAST MINUTE DELAY IN CONCLUDING THE FINAL DOCUMENT MUST HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY FRUSTRATING FOR YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF YOUR DELEGATION. I, HOWEVER, WAS CERTAIN THAT YOU WOULD DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM IN THE SAME CONFIDENT MANNER WITH WHICH YOU HAVE FACED THE MANY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS OF THE PAST FIVE MONTHS. THE RESULT IS NOW AT HAND AND THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT OUR CONFIDENCE WAS WELL PLACED.

2. THE BELGRADE MEETING HAS BEEN A CLEAR SUCCESS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND THE WEST. THE CSCE PROCESS HAS BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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FIRMLY IMPLANTED AS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF EFFORTS TO REDUCE TENSIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. AND PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT IS THE FACT THAT CSCE NOW STANDS CLEARLY AS A FORUM FOR DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS ARISING OUT OF THE DIVISIONS IN EUROPE WHICH AFFECT THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS. AS A RESULT OF YOUR DETERMINED EFFORTS, THOUSANDS OF PERSONS IN BOTH EAST AND WEST NOW HAVE A CLEARER BASIS OF

SUPPORT THAN AT ANY TIME IN RECENT MEMORY.

3. CY AND I ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF YOUR DELEGATION FOR THE FINE MANNER IN WHICH YOU COMPLETED THIS DIFFICULT TASK. YOU HAVE PERFORMED IN THE FINEST TRADITION OF AMERICAN DIPLOMACY AND HAVE PROVIDED THE BEST EXAMPLE OF THE IDEALS UPON WHICH OUR FOREIGN POLICY IS BASED. WE LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THE RESULTS OF THE BELGRADE MEETING IN DETAIL WHEN YOU RETURN TO WASHINGTON AND AFTER YOU HAVE HAD SOME MUCH DESERVED REST. I AM SURE YOU MUST BE DEEPLY FATIGUED, BUT IT WAS IN A GREAT CAUSE, AND YOU AND THE ENTIRE DELEGATION HAVE NOT ONLY OUR GRATITUDE BUT OUR RESPECT AND ADMIRATION. I AM SURE THAT WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IN BELGRADE WILL BE IMPORTANT TO THE UNITED STATES AND TO EUROPE FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

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